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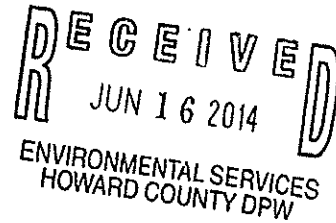
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Mr. Mark Deluca, Deputy Director
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Reference: Major Composting Facilities and Solid Waste Management Plan

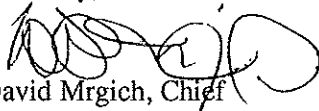
Dear Mr. Deluca:

The purpose of this letter is clarify how Maryland counties (the "counties") and Baltimore City should be addressing composting facilities in their Solid Waste Management Plans (the "Plan"). The Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 26.03.03.03 D(5) requires counties and Baltimore City to provide major composting facilities information in their Plans. In making a determination as to what constitutes a major composting facility, the Maryland Department of the Environment (the "Department") has determined that composting facilities that meet the following criteria must be included in the Plans:

1. An established composting facility that possesses a valid Refuse Disposal Permit issued by the Department must be included in Chapter III of the Plan in accordance with COMAR 26.03.03.03 D(5). A planned composting facility seeking a Refuse Disposal Permit must comply with the requirements of COMAR 26.03.03.03 F and be included in Chapter V of the Plan.
2. The Department is in the process of developing regulations for composting facilities. Once the regulations are adopted by the Department, all composting facilities that require a composting facility permit must be included in the Plan in accordance with the requirements of COMAR 26.03.03.03 D and F. The current or planned composting facilities must be included in Chapter III or Chapter V of the Plan respectively.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions or need further clarifications, please contact Mr. Tariq Masood, Regulatory and Compliance Engineer, at (410) 537-3326 or tariq.masood@maryland.gov, or you may contact me, at (410) 537-4142 or dave.mrgich@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,


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